

## 추체첨부의 수술해부학적인 지표

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### Surgical Anatomical Landmarks for Petrous Apex

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background and Objectives :** Anatomical knowledge of the petrous apex is essential to otolaryngologist to explore the skull base lesions. This study was designed to investigate the surgical anatomy of the petrous apex and the middle cranial fossa. **Materials and Methods :** We dissected 32 temporal bones in order to establish the anatomical relationships of petrous apex structures. We measured distances and angles between different structures so that surgeons can rely on to work in this area. **Results :** The results of the present study showed distances and angles of the different petrous apex structures. The angle between posterior point-foramen spinosum and porus was 90 degree. **Conclusion :** We could suggest the new indicators to identify the internal acoustic canal. (**Korean J Otolaryngol 1999;42:405-10**)

**KEY WORDS :** Surgical landmarks · Petrous apex · Middle cranial fossa.

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(brainstem)

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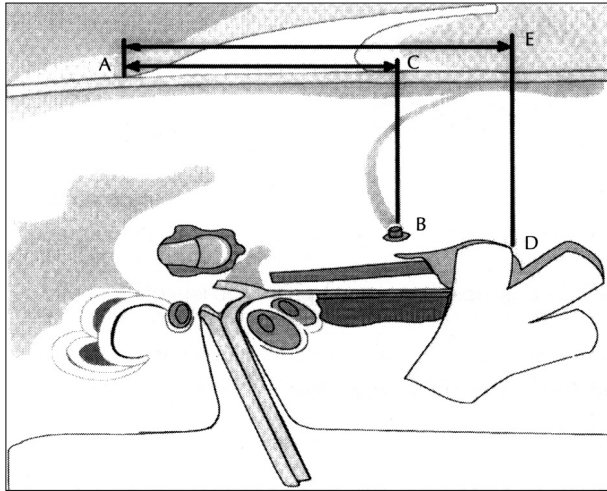
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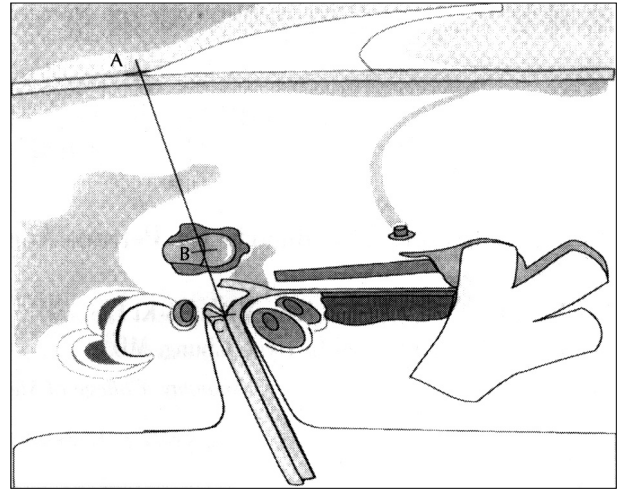
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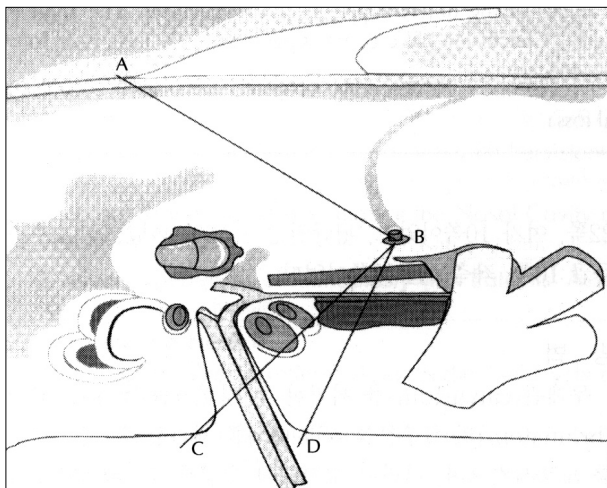
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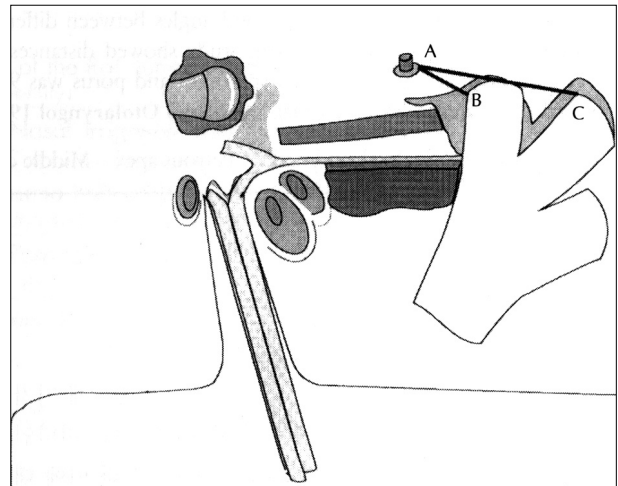
**Fig. 1.** Landmarks of middle cranial fossa at external surface of skull. A : Posterior point (posterior root of zygomatic arch). BC : Imaginary coronal line of foramen spinosum. DE : Imaginary coronal line of anterior margin of foramen ovale.



**Fig. 2.** Landmarks of internal acoustic canal using external references. A : Posterior point. B : Malleo-incudal joint. C : Bill's bar.



**Fig. 3.** Landmarks of internal acoustic canal using internal and external references. A : Posterior point. B : Foramen spinosum. C : Posterior margin of porus. D : Anterior margin of porus.



**Fig. 4.** Distances between foramen spinosum and foramen ovale and between foramen spinosum and foramen rotundum. A : Anterior margin of foramen spinosum. B : Posterior margin of foramen ovale. C : Posterior margin of foramen rotundum.

(common crus)

Bill's bar

0.05 mm

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1) ( )

(Fig. 1).

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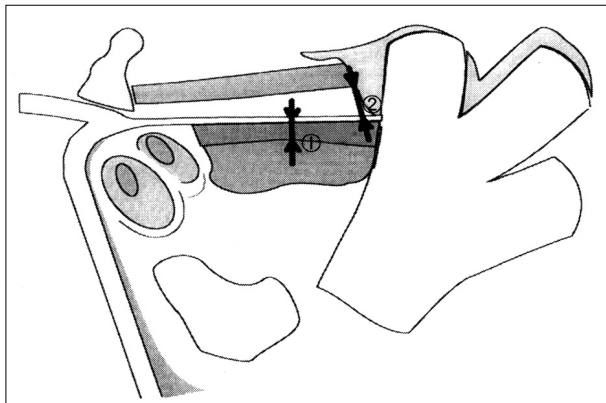
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(Fig. 6),

(Glasscock's triangle)

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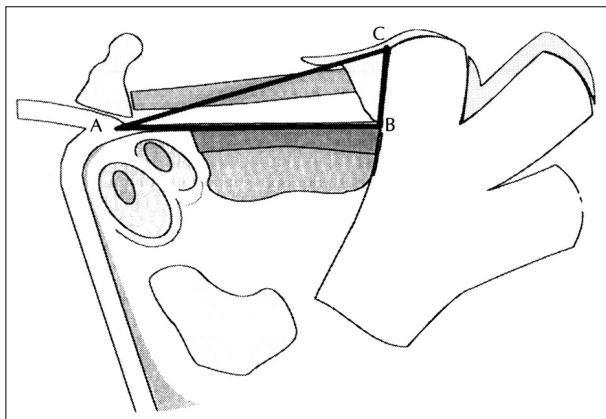
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**Fig. 5.** Distances between GSPN and tensor tympani muscle and between GSPN and internal carotid artery.

Shortest distance between greater superficial petrosal nerve (GSPN) and internal carotid artery.

Distance between GSPN and tensor tympani muscle.



**Fig. 6.** Measurement of Glasscock's triangle. A : Geniculate ganglion. B : Cross point between GSPN and mandibular branch of trigeminal nerve. C : Posterior margin of foramen ovale.

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17.20 mm, 29.00 mm, 22.9 mm, 2.77 (Table 1).

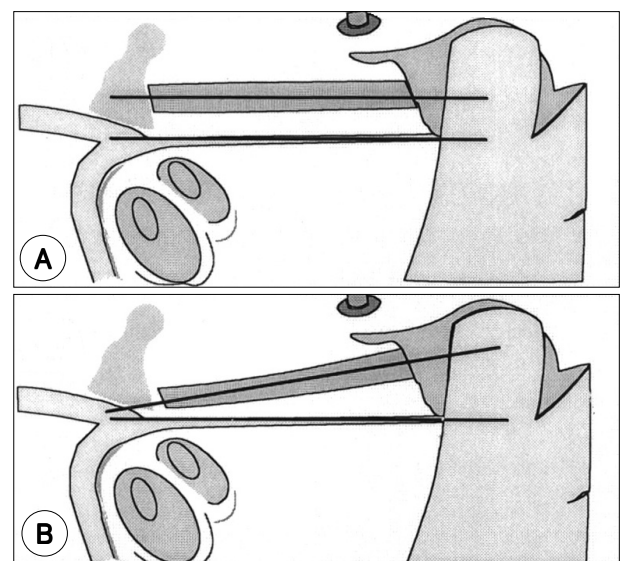
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17.25 mm, 23.10 mm, 19.5 mm, 1.25

가 Bill's bar 7.50 mm, 9.05 mm, 8.3 mm, 0.42 (Table 2).

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가 82.9, 130.6, 99.0, 9.52



**Fig. 7.** Alignment of both GSPN and tensor tympani muscle. A. Parallel between GSPN and tensor tympani muscle. B. Divergence between GSPN and tensor tympani muscle.

66.0 , 108.9 ,  
81.0 , 7.88 (Table 3).

2.05 mm, 4.55 mm, 3.6 mm ,  
2.30 mm, 5.65 mm, 0.51 (Table 5).  
3.8 mm , 0.85 .

14.50 mm, 슬신경절, 난원공, 대추체신경이 삼차신경의 하악분지와 만  
23.80 mm, 19.5 mm , 나는 곳 사이의 거리  
1.79 (Table 4).

4.55 mm, 9.65 mm,  
6.5 mm , 1.02 .  
12.15 mm, 20.15  
대추체신경, 내경동맥, 및 고막긴장근 사이의 거리 mm, 16.5 mm , 1.92 .

0.90 mm, 9.30 mm, 17.15 mm,  
5.80 mm, 3.3 mm , 1.34 . 13.2 mm , 1.57 (Table 6).

**Table 1.** Landmarks of middle cranial fossa at external surface of skull (mm)

Distance between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD*
Posterior point-Foramen spinosum	14.7	9.50	18.80	1.94
Posterior point-Foramen ovale	22.9	17.20	29.00	2.77

\*SD : standard deviation

**Table 2.** Landmarks of internal acoustic canal using external references (mm)

Distance between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD
Posterior point-M-I joint*	19.5	17.25	23.10	1.25
M-I joint-Bill's bar	8.3	7.50	9.05	0.42

\*M-I joint : malleo-incudal joint

**Table 3.** Landmarks of internal acoustic canal using internal and external references (degree)

Angle between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD
Posterior point-Foramen spinosum-Ant.border of porus-Foramen spinosum	99.0	82.9	130.6	9.52
Posterior point-Foramen spinosum-Post.border of porus-Foramen spinosum	81.0	66.0	108.9	7.88

**Table 4.** Distances between foramen spinosum, foramen ovale, and foramen rotundum (mm)

Distance between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD
Foramen spinosum-Foramen ovale	3.8	2.30	5.65	0.85
Foramen spinosum-Foramen rotundum	19.5	14.50	23.80	1.79

**Table 5.** Distance between GSPN and tensor tympani muscle and GSPN and internal carotid artery (mm)

Distance between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD
GSPN-Internal carotid artery	3.3	0.90	5.80	1.34
GSPN-Tensor tympani muscle	3.6	2.05	4.55	0.51

**Table 6.** Measurements of Glasscock's triangle (mm)

Distance between	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD
GSPN-Foramen ovale	6.5	4.55	9.65	1.02
Geniculate ganglion-Foramen ovale	16.5	12.15	20.15	1.92
Geniculate ganglion-GSPN	13.2	9.30	17.15	1.57

64.2 mm<sup>2</sup>, 39.4 mm<sup>2</sup>, 20.0 mm<sup>2</sup>, 9.2 (porus), 99, 81.0, 90, 가, 가, 14.7 mm, 3.8 mm, 19.5 mm, 22.9 mm, 1961 House<sup>2)</sup>가, House<sup>2)</sup>, 1970 Fisch<sup>3)</sup>, blue - line 60 가, 1980 Ibanez Ibanez<sup>4)</sup> blue - line, 가, 1993 Catalano Eden<sup>5)</sup>, 8 mm Bill's bar가, 18 mm, 1991 Matsunaga<sup>6)</sup> fundus 가 8.2 mm, 가, Catalano, 8.3 mm, 19.5 mm, 1987 Sekhar<sup>11)</sup> Kawase, 40 17, 40 8, 40 15, 가, 3.3 mm, 32, 25 (78.1%), 가 32 7 (21.9%),

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